

REMARKS

In the Claims:

Claims 6, 8-11 and 21-25 remain in this application. Claims 6 and 21 have been amended. These amendments have support in the original claims, specification and/or figures. As such, no new matter has been added.

103(a) Rejection:

Claims 6, 8-11 and 21-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over various combinations of references. In response, Applicant has amended claims 6 and 21.

Claim 6, as amended, includes the element of :

an isolation layer formed on said microelectronic die having a thickness of between about 0.1 and 1.0 micron. (emphasis added)

Applicant notes that none of the references cited teach or suggest an isolation layer having a thickness of between about 0.1 and 1.0 micron. Since none of the references teaches or suggest this element, the combination of references can not render claim 6 obvious. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the 103(a) rejection of claim 6 be withdrawn.

Applicant notes that independent claim 21 shares similar claim features with claim 6 and is likewise patentable over the combination of references for at least the reasons mentioned above. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the 103(a) rejection of claim 21 be withdrawn.

Based at least upon their dependency to claims 6 or 21, Applicant respectfully submits that dependent claims 8-11 and 22-25 are likewise patentable over the

combination of references. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the 103(a) rejection of claims 8-11 and 22-25 be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 6, 8-11 and 21-25 are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly requested. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge shortages or credit overpayments to Deposit Account No. 500221. The Examiner is invited to call David Guglielmi at (503) 712-1610 if there remains any issue with allowance of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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